(2002-07) is 8 per cent per annum GDP will need to grow at an average of at 8.9% per annum during the remaining 4 years of the Plan to achieve this target.

(c) The major steps delineated in the Tenth Five Year Plan Document are special emphasis on Agriculture Sector, increasing public investment and better capacity utilisation in the manufacturing sector. Major reforms in governance, decentralisation, investor-climate and inter-state trade have also been proposed.

PM's package for Kerala's agriculture sector

295. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister during his stay at Kumarakam in Kerala in 2001 had announced a package fo Rs. 1000 crore for projects pertaining to the benefit of the State's agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the number of projects initiated for utilization of this fund;

(c) the amount released so far to each of the projects including the Technology Mission on Coconut; and

(d) the present status of each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Private agencies in Government Departments

296. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to authorise various Ministries/ Departments to engage private professional agencies to work out the "Impact Assessment" of big budgeted Centrally sponsored schemes in all the States/Union Territories;

(b) if so, whether it would not hinder the process of cutting

administrative expenditure and absolve the responsibility of the nodal Ministries/Department; and

(c) what are the reasons for not strengthening the Department of Programme Implementation and Planning to undertake the job in a more efficient way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. the Government have proposed to get the impact assessment of all Centrally Sponsored Schemes for which evaluation has not been undertaken, done by Planning Commission or outside professional agencies within a specified time frame.

(b) The impact assessment of an on-going scheme may need to be done once in three-five years and the proportion of expenditure on evaluation study is likely to be very very small compared to the annual budget of a scheme. Moreover, the feed- back from quality evaluation is likely to more than off-set such expenses on studies through good governance and quality spending of public money.

(c) Strengthening of evaluation capacity of Departments is a continous process and the position is reviewed from time to time.

Development Plan for Orissa

297. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are preparing State-specific development plans to ensure improvement in social and economic quality of life as reported in the Indian Express dated the 25th January, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the blue print proposed to be prepared for development of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The primary responsibility for formulation of State-specific Development Plans lies with the concerned State Governments. However, in order to facilitate this process, the